



WHAT IS INDEPENDENTISM.

Independentism means conservatism; not the conservatism which cursed France under the name of one order and another until Red Republicanism made its appearance as Radicalism complete—but the conservatism that is found in the true citizen and the patriot, who desires nothing more than the right to "liberty and the pursuit of happiness," a heart to have within it true love for his country, and the mind necessary for him to aid in preserving that country's honor and upholding its laws. This is called by the greatest of writers unselfish patriotism, and many men, in as many ages and in as many countries, have become great heroes and the idols of peoples because they were unselfish patriots and thought the country's welfare and general happiness paramount to every other consideration; and we have to-day the history of the greatest and purest and first Independent to establish this fact—George Washington. Without party he was great, and without party he was the main pillar of the great American Republic. It is true that parties came afterwards, but with them came also jealousy and strife; but at no time were the whole people more patriotic and the promoters of purer principles than when they knew nothing of, or forgot party, united for the country's good, and were regardless of who held office so long as he was an honest man.

Independents require every one to be honest in Oregon, and while they expect no office and other reward, save that which comes from the honest government which they have helped to make and which gives them by reason of its authorship, a clear conscience, they work for the full enjoyment of what honest effort aims at, and believe that the government is at best safest when the management and full control of its affairs is in honest hands. A dishonest Republican, in their sight, will think only of himself, while an honest Democrat will be thinking only of the people; a Democratic thief will be filling his pockets while a pure Republican is pouring money into the public treasury. The difference is but in the name, since either of the dishonest is a thief, and nine times out of ten either is a party favorite and through party managers escapes punishment by re-election or quiet retirement from office. This is owing to the fact probably that party interests are to be promoted by such conduct that other aspirants may secure lucrative office through party promises and the "Open Sesame" of an untarnished party name. And here Independentism steps in with its truly honest voice, and votes for the people's interests. It has no party ranks to disorganize and no party name to uphold from the degradation of a public disgrace. Its aim is the promotion of the public welfare and the choice of the proper instruments for the accomplishment of this end. It throws its protecting arm around the honest Republican, and with a warm heart extends the same friendly recognition to the honest Democrat, and in this way shows itself greater and purer than party can be, since, like the good angel, it has no prejudice, and thanks both in behalf of Right!

A Rise in Wheat.

The prospect for a general European war—at least between England and Russia—becomes more favorable with each succeeding day. This, coupled with short wheat crops in many Russian districts which have heretofore furnished large amounts for exportation, has had a good effect upon the wheat market of the world. In Roseburg wheat has gone up to 75 cents per bushel.

LET US HAVE A DUEL OR TWO.

Ex-Senator Nesmith is having much space devoted to him by the Portland Democratic paper. Nesmith has written a letter, in which he had much to say of the Standard. Well, it is needless for us to say much of either the Standard or Nesmith. The productions of both are too peppery to describe, and too personal to interest only those directly concerned. We will suggest, however, that an end to the wordy war be made by both parties in this way: Let "Nes" have a long stocking, and Toney be provided with a similar article. Then let them both retire to a private enclosure, when the wind is blowing right, and settle it between themselves alone. If both put a stone in the stocking, like the Irish woman did, and beat each other's brains out, it will then be their own fault and no one else will be bothered.

But Nesmith and Noltner are not the only ones thus engaged; there is a newspaper dispute between Dr. Dawne and Syl. C. Simpson, both well known. Dawne commenced his fight over his wife's signature, and Simpson has written a correspondence under the caption of "Retaliation." There should be a duel follow here, also. It called upon to "settle the preliminaries," we would arm the Doctor with a hairpin and Simpson with a darning needle, and require of the Doctor that he shall not under any circumstances bring forth any weapon that is used in midnight attacks or fisherwomen's fights. Then let the battle rage to the end without interruption, and retaliation may be the watchword of the hour; and if one shall fall in the affray, then the punishment of the other shall be—he shall write the other's obituary—not for public use, but to file it away until time and necessity find necessary its use, as a reminder of the good done by both as mutual destroyers of a public plague.

Be Just Anyway.

The Portland Standard promises to go through the virtuous acts of the old Salem clique in a few days. Spare us this reading, in the name of all that is good! But if you will write such history, tell a plain, unvarnished tale. Do not let prejudice or personal feeling warp your judgement or misguide your pencil. Should the private history of any political party in the State be published it would be bad enough without any of the coloring that lends force to an argument and strength to an idea; and then no truthful historian can possibly write up one side of a question. In your treatment of the Salem clique deal fairly, and when you write the word "finis" at the end of your last chapter, turn about and give us a second volume, in which fairly deal with the past acts of the clique in opposition when the one in Salem was at the height of its glory and in the uncertainty of its success.

A Remarkable Difference.

Speaking of exports of the State, the Oregon City Enterprise says that the shipment of grain this year, with a short crop, will reach two hundred thousand tons. This is a great difference with the time when the then Governor, but now Congressman, Whiteaker spoke of the exports of the State in his message as comprising "soap, socks and pickles." The one who wrote of "Mister Pogram" and "Mrs. Hominy" left this much out of his sketches in "Martin Chuzzlewit," but his spirit will rest in peace when its owner realizes "Mr. Pogram" has been returned to Congress, and once more is the representative of a people "which air great."

Sherman Vindicated.

Jim Anderson, of noted fame, has made a confession. This confession not only proves that the famous letter, stated to have been written by Secretary Sherman, and which has created universal comment was a forgery, but also proves that certain Democratic leaders wrote the letter to injure Sherman and the Republican party. Jim was promised pay for the part he took in the dirty work, and he now peaches because those who were to put up the coin will not do so. "When rogues fall out honest men get their dues."

STATE ELECTIONS HELD.

Congressional elections were held in the following States last Tuesday (November 5th), upon the result of which depended the political complexion of the next House of Representatives: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin.

So far as returns have been received, it would appear heavy gains have everywhere been made by Republicans. Talbot has carried Massachusetts for Governor by a large majority, and Butler is completely squelched. New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Delaware, New Jersey, Kansas, Nevada, Nebraska and Minnesota have been carried Republican, with a gain of Congressmen. In Connecticut the election of a Republican Legislature makes certain the gain of one Republican United States Senator. The other States included in the list first stated, have either gone Democratic, or are classed as doubtful or close. Of northern States, Democrats have carried but one (Indiana), and that by a plurality vote.

In addition to the above the news comes to the effect that Washington Territory has gone Republican, and that Brents is elected Delegate to Congress by a handsome majority. Even Canton was beaten by a majority of 140 votes in Walla Walla county, the Democratic Gibraltar of the territory.

Getting Even.

During the last political campaign the Standard had a great deal to say of E. S. McComas and the Mountain Sentinel, of Grand Ronde Valley. But when the investigating committee of the late Legislature commenced its work, McComas' day commenced dawning. Now "Mac" applies the whip over Toney's shoulders—in other words the other man is using the whip—and the Standard man has "grin and bar it." McComas says Toney is a "promiscuous certifier," and Toney says nothing. Well nobody enjoys the fun more than "Mac" does; and we will bet a bad shilling he earnestly believes that time and the opportunity improved; makes all things even and that he thinks that if this is not proven the case it will not be his fault.

There is Such a Thing.

Whatever party has won in the late State election, it makes but little difference to outsiders, only they don't want to hear those interested in the fight saying, "Oh well, it's the year in politics, and you can't judge what will follow." We know the "off year" expression has been stereotyped, but there is such a thing as one becoming tired of something made for constant use. [See Gazley on Divorces.]

Speaker Thompson.

We have heard much complimentary spoken of Hon. John M. Thompson since the adjournment of the late Legislature. That gentleman was certainly an earnest member in the lower House, and we have not heard a word in his favor but what we consider was justly spoken.

He Does Reply.

Elsewhere we speak of the Standard as saying nothing in reply to the attacks of McComas. That paper has since come to hand savage as a meat-ax, and so strong in its remarks as to cause the interested reader to turn about to see if there isn't a little bit of a Halifax nearabout.

Highly Complimentary.

The Portland legal fraternity lately passed a series of resolutions complimentary of the appointment of Hon. C. B. Bellinger to the Judgeship of the 4th district.

England complains over the note received from Secretary Everts. The trouble, perhaps, is, that they can abstract double meanings from the Secretary's sentences.

HEN OWENS.

They all say he is great, and so are the number of acres of swamp land owned by him; they all declare he is fat, and so are his profits; they all call him an angel, and here is where we object. While we like "Old Hen," and have smiled very often when, early in the morning, he spoke to the manipulator of mixed spirituous beverages in loud tones, demanding "a double decker," we cannot imagine him to be otherwise than "Old Hen"—not even a fallen angel. Why, if the Prince of Darkness should ever lay hands on him, he would immediately exclaim, "Here, you little devil, put this Christmas candle on a high shelf; the fuel in it will furnish a warm fire for several months;" and if St. Peter should be sleeping and "Old Hen" slip into Heaven, the Saint would persuade him into believing it was at least a "narrow squeeze"—that a second attempt would be dangerous—and, not caring for his sins, "Hen" would sit down and quietly enjoy a good thing while he had it. If he had to come back when everything was his own way, and circumstances were as last described, he wouldn't come—unless he had overlooked, in making up his maps, a dozen or two more acres of swamp land.

An Editor III.

We regret to learn that Hon. W. H. Newell, editor of the Walla Walla Standard, is seriously ill, and we sincerely hope for his early recovery. Let others say what they will, the truth is W. H. Newell has a warm, sympathetic heart for his friends, and is undoubtedly the ablest newspaper writer in Washington Territory. As a local writer and earnest speaker in behalf of home interests, Mr. Newell has but few if any equals on the coast, and should he die it is certain the people of the territory of Washington will miss him, and have reason to deplore their loss in the death of one whose ability is so much needed in the formation of the proposed new State. Friend Newell our prayers are for you.

Don't Want It Anymore.

A letter from Claude Thayer Esq., informs us that the Independent, addressed to Hon. W. W. Thayer, is no longer wanted, "owing to the necessity of reducing expenses." That settles it. Count us in favor of an increase in the amount of the Governor's salary immediately.

An interested mother, who loves everybody's little ones almost as well as her own, says: "I wish I could impress you with the value of the following remedy for whooping cough, as it might be the means of saving hundreds of precious lives. Take one ounce of crushed sunflower seeds, put them into one quart of water and boil them down to a pint; add one pound of leaf sugar and one pint of brandy; dose, from a few drops to a teaspoonful, according to the age of the sufferer." It is worth remembering.

W. G. WOODWARD,

Advertisement for Green Roof and Heating Ointment, for cures external and internal, brittle nails, cracked feet, etc.

Advertisement for Harness, Saddlery and Bridles, next door to Marks & Co's. warehouse in Roseburg.

Advertisement for Wood Working Machinery, including steam engines, lathes, and planers, located in San Francisco, Cal.

Advertisement for Beath's Saloon, opposite Metropolitan Hotel, Roseburg, Oregon, featuring a well-kept billiard room and ten-pin alley.

Advertisement for J. C. Floed, Goods to be sold cheaper than ever before in the City of Roseburg. Great slaughter in all prices!

Advertisement for J. C. Floed, Fall and Winter Goods, Very Latest Novelties in Ladies' Fancy Goods, Finest Dress Goods!

Advertisement for Clothing & Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Crockery, Glassware, and Groceries.

Advertisement for Good Hardware Supply, of all description on hand.

Advertisement for Mr. C. Cohen, The Season's Novelties and Merchandise, Furnishing Goods, Assorted Merchandise, Crockery and Hardware.

Advertisement for Langenberg Bros., Boots and Shoes, Made to Order and Repaired.

Advertisement for Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Milliner and Dress Maker, and Roseburg Mills, Always on Hand the Very Best of Flour.

Advertisement for Marks & Co., General Merchandise, Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots, Groceries and Provisions.

Advertisement for Home-made Furniture, Upholstery, Spring Mattresses, etc., located in Ten-pin Alley.

Advertisement for Wool and Produce, Highest Cash Price Paid for them.

Advertisement for Umpqua Academy, This institution of learning will commence its Fall Term Sept. 19, 1878.

Advertisement for A. Bushelmeir, Practical Gunsmith, Has Permanently located in Roseburg.

Advertisement for S. Goldstein, Has Opened a Cigar and Variety Store next door to the barber shop.

Advertisement for Mahony's Saloon, Nearest to the Railroad Depot, O. K. J. Mahoney, Proprietor.

Advertisement for J. B. Smith, Opposite Abraham & Brown, Oakland, O. Dealer in Stoves and Tinware.

Advertisement for MAMMOTH LIVERY, Feed Stable, Best in the State.

Advertisement for T. C. Smith & Co., Druggists and Chemist, Pharmacist.

Advertisement for Roseburg Brewery, JOHN RAST, PROPRIETOR.

Advertisement for NOTICE, Estate of Loren Davis Deceased.

Advertisement for JOHN FRASER, Home-made Furniture, Upholstery, Spring Mattresses, etc.

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